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# Our Paper

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FOR  
LESBIANS  
AND  
GAY MEN  
IN MAINE

## Community Reacts To State AIDS Project

By Elze

"... the Bureau of Health is advancing an innovative field plan for a clinic-based operation to variously assess, test and reduce risk in the target populations. Respected members of the gay community will be identified to serve as outreach people and program counselors. ... The goal is to utilize the obvious energy of the gay community in Maine and to establish a feeling of trust and cooperation between the Bureau of Health and the gay community. ..."

—From the proposal (p. 24)

Almost as soon as the Bureau of Health described to AIDS hotline volunteers a proposed "Maine AIDS Project for Community Health Education and Risk Reduction," concerned gay and lesbian activists from the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance, the AIDS project, the Maine Health Foundation, and the AIDS hotline requested a parley

with state officials.

The project, developed in response to a Center for Disease Control RFP ("request for proposals") making funds available to states for AIDS health education and risk reduction, stirred up divergent sentiments among local activists, largely due to what some perceive to be an emphasis on HTLV-III antibody testing and data collection at the expense of education. Other concerns expressed included the nature of the information to be collected at testing sites and how the compiled statistics will be utilized.

According to Dave Akers, Director of STD Control and a CDC employee on assignment with the Bureau of Health, the project will focus on health education to targeted sub-groups of the general populace, such as health care workers and at-risk groups, and on risk reduction. The Bureau requested \$149,770 for the project which will be directed by Knut Ra, Director of the Office on

AIDS. Clearly one of the proposal's most controversial aspects, "risk reduction" will mean HTLV-III antibody testing and pre- and post-test counseling.

Contrary to its earlier position, the Bureau of Health, as stated in the proposal, "is currently recommending that all persons in the high risk groups have their blood tested for the presence of HTLV-III antibodies." According to the Bureau, this is to "alert potentially

infectious people of their status and promote the only method we now have for control and prevention."

What initially drew the sharpest criticism was the patient profile form drafted by Akers for use at testing sites and by key private physicians. The form, its purpose being to guide counselors through a session, according to Akers,

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## AIDS Bill Slides Under Hammer

by Elze

Sliding under the hammer in both the House and Senate with no floor debate, L.D. 2063, "An Act to Protect the Public Health in Relation to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome," now redrafted as L.D. 2367, went to the Appropriations Committee on April 11 as the number one priority bill of the Human Resources Committee. As of this writing, the Appropriations Committee recommended \$90,850 of the original \$136,500 figure attached to the bill. The revised amount includes \$17,850 for one personnel position, \$8,000 for advisory committee travel expenses, and \$65,000 for "all other," a category which includes educational materials. The legislation, developed by MLGPA members and a Portland attorney, was sponsored by Sen. Barbara Gill (R-So. Portland), Sen. Nancy Clark (D-Freeport), Rep. Larry Connolly (D-Portland), and Rep. Charlene Rydell (D-Brunswick).

After four three-hour long work sessions in which Bureau of Health officials, Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance President Dale McCormick, and insurance industry representatives negotiated compromise language, the bill as amended passed the Human Resources Committee at the end of March with a unanimous "ought to pass" recommendation, a vote enabling the legislation to slide under the hammer.

Minor revisions included adding a psychologist, a representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, a substance abuse counselor and a member of the House and Senate to the "Committee to Advise the Department of Human Services on AIDS." Committee membership was also expanded from fifteen to "no less than 15 and no more than 30."

Following the bill's first House reading, Rep. Robert Carrier (D-Westbrook), well-

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## Caribou Post Office Intercepts AIDS Brochure

by Bruce Smith

Northern Lambda Nord, in conjunction with the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club of San Francisco, is working on plans for formally responding to the illegal seizure of its mail by the U.S. Postal Service in mid-February. Paul Michaud, Assistant Postmaster in Caribou, opened an envelope containing the brochure, "Can We Talk?," and returned it to San Francisco. According to *Communique*, the N.L.N. newsletter, Michaud labeled the brochure "sexually oriented advertising" and was backed up by the assistant manager of San Francisco Postal Station "O." The brochure was then returned to the H.M.L.&G.D.C., the publisher, with notification that this type of mail must be sealed in an envelope labeled with "warnings" as to the content.

Under postal regulations, postal workers are not allowed to open first class mail such as this. Dick Harrison of Northern Lambda Nord, an organization serving northern Maine and northwestern New Brunswick, has been told that there is probably a good legal case to be made against Michaud. At the time that this brochure was intercepted, other copies were delivered to N.L.N. and their Gay-Lesbian Phonenumber without incident. The envelope that was opened was addressed to *Communique*.

The H.M.L.&G.D.C. sent a letter of protest to the Postal Service and has received an apology. *Communique* quoted the letter in part: "The H.M.L.&G.D.C. is outraged at the notice to the Club, returning a copy of 'Can We Talk?', and labelling it as a 'sexually oriented advertisement.' It is not 'advertising' anything. The regulation mentioned was written to control the flow of pornography. To connect 'Can We Talk?' with this regulation indicates that you are calling this important AIDS education and health crisis pamphlet a piece of pornography. It is not prurient nor titillating, nor is it in-

tended to be used to exploit sexuality. The brochure is meant to save lives through disseminating important health education information. The pamphlet has been hailed around the world by governments and health departments, physicians, educators, universities, and others as being the most clearly worded, straightforward document in the realm of available AIDS education material."

According to *Communique*, the H.M.L.&G.D.C. letter demanded an apology for refusing to deliver the brochure and for opening first class mail. It also demanded that the Postal Service retract its allegation that "Can We Talk?" is nothing more than a piece of prurient pornography that needs to be sent through the mail in double envelopes marked as "sexually oriented advertising." The Club also demanded that the Postal Service stop perpetuating AIDS-phobia and homophobia and do their job of delivering the mail, including the "Can We Talk?" brochure.

Mary Brown, Postmaster in San Francisco, responded with apologies on behalf of the Postal Service. She agreed with postal inspectors that Postal Service regulations had been violated when first class mail was intercepted without a complaint by the addressee and was returned without notice to the addressee. *Communique* reported that she did not find the brochure pornographic, and that she believed both the postal official in Caribou and the one in San Francisco acted "in direct violation of postal regulations."

Northern Lambda Nord is communicating with the H.M.L.&G.D.C. regarding future action. They expect to respond formally, perhaps in court action, perhaps jointly with the H.M.L.&G.D.C. According to Harrison, N.L.N. plans to keep its Congresspeople informed of what has taken place.



photo: Elze

## Inside: Lewiston Happenings—The Third Annual Gay Pride Masquerade Ball



# Letters

Dear Our Paper:

I would like to bring to your attention a mail fraud scheme using U.S. Postal Money Orders, involving inmates from the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman.

Yes; I have been very stupid and dumb, and have lost some \$3,000.00. I am very well educated and have a very good job, gay, and I never would have thought that someone could have taken advantage of me; or that I would have allowed my "emotions and feelings" to cloud my thinking.


I am working with the Postal Inspectors in Memphis, Tenn. in regards to this matter. Luckily, I saved all of the inmates letters and found out while this was happening. I have been able to give a great deal of help to the Postal Inspectors that are working on this case.

I have found out that this scheme started in 1982 and that the fraud is running into the millions of dollars; that the inmates are able to buy off the guards to let them make all kinds of telephone calls, buy drugs, even smuggle money in and out of the prison.

I have also found out that the person that I thought that I was falling in love with is not even gay; this inmate was paying a very scared gay inmate with money and the use of his cock, to write love letters and convince me of his deep and lasting love.

Name Withheld

**Editor's Note:** This letter refers to some prison inmates who are responding to ads placed by people seeking relationships. After one of these inmates develops a rapport with an ad placer through an exchange of letters, the inmate sends the ad placer a \$1.00 money order which has been altered to read \$500.00. The inmate asks the ad placer to deposit the money order in the ad placer's bank account. Later, the inmate requests the ad placer to send money to pay a fine or to retain a lawyer. The bank eventually discovers the altered money order and charges the ad placer's account for the amount of that money order.



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An Open Letter To The Our Paper Community

On Sunday, March 9, the *Maine Sunday Telegram* ran an article, obituary, and death notice regarding the death of my lover, J. Courtlandt Miller. Court died of AIDS March 7, at Maine Medical Center. The newspaper has a "no companion listing" policy which precluded me from being listed as one of Court's survivors. I am urging the *Our Paper* community, gay and straight alike, to write the editor of the *Maine Sunday Telegram*, Mr. John Murphy, and demand that this policy be changed.

My anger is not only at the fact that I was omitted. My major grievance with the policy is that it made it sound as if Court died alone. Nothing could be further from the truth.

It is time for the community to take constructive action. A letter could change a discriminatory policy. We are legitimate. Our love is enduring. Our grief is real. Let's let the public at large be told that we will not be ignored any longer.

I thank you for your help.

Sincerely,  
John McCarthy

Dear All,

On April 12 we all got together in Lewiston to celebrate Gay Pride. However an error in judgment on my part caused me to miss most of the festivities. This was, however, going to give me a sense of pride I didn't even know I could feel.

On my way from Portland to Lewiston, I did some foolishly serious partying. Within an hour at the Ball, I had passed out. Some of my friends took shifts sitting with me, while others were planning my safe return home. But what was even more astonishing was the amount of total strangers who showed concern. One lady even said that she was a nurse and to call her should she be needed. Yeah, I might have missed the Ball, but now I have something to celebrate each and every day. I am part of a very special and very wonderful community.

Thank You Everyone,  
The "Bunny"

To the staff at "OUR PAPER" and readers,

I'm writing in response to the cartoon/ad?? on page 15 of the March issue of "Our Paper."

I'm a white, able-bodied lesbian, and I find it really offensive!!!!!! What the hell is it supposed to mean????

It seems to be an ad for "Communiques." If that's so then I refuse to shop there. And why a black woman??? Must our racism show so blatantly???? And yes I do have a sense of humor but for me there was nothing funny about that cartoon. It was gross and disgusting. I was very relieved and glad to see the letter from the XX Chromosome League!!!!!! HURRAY!!!! for some radical raised consciousness!! That's the kind of thinking that'll help save this planet! We need to get and be as radical as can be to change the screwed up "state of affairs" we're caught living in.

I also enjoyed the letter titled Les-be-friends by T. Smith. T. wherever you are, I'd like to meet you!

One more gripe...why can't Entre-Nous be womyn only space????????????? It's probably the tiniest bar in Portland — why do men have to go there when there are about 50 other bars in town for them to choose from??? I get really grossed out when they're in there — especially when they use the pool table when womyn are waiting to play!!!! Give me a break! I realize it's difficult to keep womyn as a top priority in our lives, but if WE don't do that, who will????? Certainly not men. Women have been loving men for thousands of years. What good has it done us???? We still, and always have lived in a Woman-Hating world. We're still killed, beaten and raped every minute of every day, by men. We're still an oppressed group and our oppressors are men.

I'm pretty sure many readers are thinking, "but our gay brothers don't do those things to us." Maybe not, but personally I get drained by male energy and I don't feel safe when they're around so it's hard for me to relax and enjoy myself in anything other than womyn only space.

I'm not saying we need to hate men; I'm saying we need to begin putting our loving energy toward each other and even more importantly, toward *OURSELVES*!!!!!!

In sisterhood and love,  
Jane B. Weed

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Dear Folks,

Remember EMT Terry Wallace who sued the Three Rivers Ambulance Service in Milo, Maine? (The judge granted them immunity because they classify themselves as a charitable organization, but not before it had cost them over \$2,000. in lawyers and court fees.)

Well I've had another horrible experience as you can read. \*

Would it be possible for you to run a blurb explaining what has happened to me and ask that all my friends please write and send me their addresses as I lost them all in the fire and can't remember all of them.

Thanks,  
Terry Wallace  
PR1, Box 127B  
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\*Terry's home was completely destroyed by fire last month.

## PURPOSE

**OUR PAPER** is published monthly by the **OUR PAPER Collective**, P.O. Box 10744, Portland, Maine 04104. The purpose of **OUR PAPER** is to serve as a voice for lesbians and gay men in Maine. We wish the newspaper to be a source of information, support and affirmation, and a vehicle for celebration, by and for members of the lesbian and gay men's communities. We want the paper to reflect our diversity, as well.

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## The Ins and Outs of Ins and Outs part two

by R.J. Bass

Last month, this column detailed the anatomy and physiology of a woman's sexual and reproductive system. This month, it will be the men's turn.

Let's start with the external sex organs, or *genitals*:

1. If you trace a line from the base of your spine down the crack between your buttocks, you will first encounter the *anus*, which is the sphincter-muscle opening of the rectum, the lowest portion of the large intestine. The anus will often have nerve endings in it that are sensitive to sexual stimulation.

2. Trace down a bit further and you will encounter the *scrotum*. The scrotum is a sac of skin which contains two *testicles*, which are internal glands responsible for the production of *sperm*. (Sperm are small cells containing a man's genetic material and are necessary to fertilize a woman's egg to accomplish pregnancy and reproduction.) Sperm cannot be produced when the testicles are too warm, so the scrotum holds these glands outside the man's body. On the other hand, if the testicles get too cold, the skin of the scrotum will tighten up, and the testicles will rise up, or retract, closer to the body. During sexual arousal, the testicles may also retract. The sensitive area of skin between the scrotum and anus is called *perineum*.

3. In front and above the scrotum is the *penis*. The penis, contrary to popular belief, is not a bone or muscle. Internally, the penis contains a network of arteries and veins, the *urethra* (the tube which carries urine from the bladder and sperm from the testicles to the outside world), and the *corpus cavernosum* and the *corpus spongiosum*. These are literally "spongy bodies" in the penis. Blood flow to the sex organs increases during sexual excitement, causing the spongy bodies to swell. This swelling, in turn, causes the hardening, thickening, and lengthening of the penis known as *erection*.

The penis is also composed of several external parts. The *shaft* is the body of the penis. The spongy bodies are inside this area, and the urethra passes through its middle, to the head, or *glans*, of the penis. The glans is very sensitive to sexual stimulation; it swells slightly and may deepen in color during arousal. The opening at the tip of the glans is the urethral opening, or *meatus*. In its natural state, the sides of the penis near the glans are covered by a fold of skin, known as the *foreskin*, or *prepuce*. When rolled forward, the foreskin is like a hood over the glans, but it can also be pushed back along the shaft. In certain cultures and societies, a surgical procedure called *circumcision* is generally performed on infants to remove the foreskin. (Circumcision is of debatable benefit from the medical standpoint and will be discussed in a future column.) When circumcised, the penis glans is exposed, and there is no foreskin attached

to the shaft. In function, sensitivity, and potency, there is no physiological difference between a circumcised and uncircumcised penis.

The length of the flaccid (soft) penis varies from individual to individual, just as all other body parts vary from person to person. When erect, penises vary in terms of angle of erection, shape of erect penis, and, to a smaller degree, length. It is believed that 90% of all men have erect penises between five and seven inches long, with some men falling outside that range.

4. The area of skin directly above the penis, which covers the *pubis symphysis*, or pubic bone, is covered with *pubic hair*. Pubic hair also covers the scrotum, and may also cover the skin around the anus.

A man's internal sexual/reproductive organs are called the *uro-genital system*, in part because some of the organs of the urinary tract (bladder and urethra) are incorporated into the reproductive organs. This is the uro-genital system.

5. Starting with the testicles, which, technically, are located outside the body, in the scrotum. The testicles are shaped like flattened ovals, less than two inches long and about one inch wide. It is common for one testicle, usually the left one, to hang a little lower than the other. The testicles, also called *testes* (plural) or *testis* (singular), produce the male sex hormone testosterone. Sperm are also produced by the testicles.

6. The sperm begin as sperm cells stored in the *seminiferous tubules*. These tubules

(tiny tubes) lead to the *epididymis*. There is an epididymis located alongside each testicle. If a man examines his testicles with his fingers, he can usually feel the epididymis as a spongy spot. After sperm cells mature into sperm, they move into the epididymis, where they are stored until they are ejaculated (expelled) during sexual orgasm.

7. The *vas deferens* are two tubes which travel up from the epididymis to the *prostate gland*, which is located beneath the bladder. The vas curves up and around the front of the bladder and pubic bone, and then down behind the bladder. Before the two vas join the prostate, they meet the *seminal vesicles*, glands which produce most of the fluid comprised in *semen*. Semen is the whitish liquid which carries sperm. During excitement, the seminal vesicles release this fluid, which nourishes the sperm and assists with their movement.

8. Semen is actually made in the prostate gland, which mixes the sperm and the fluid from the seminal vesicles and adds a small amount of thin milky liquid. The prostate is donut-shaped and wrapped around the urethra just under the bladder. The urethra is a tube which carries urine from the bladder, and it also carries semen from the prostate gland. The prostate gland is sensitive and may be stimulated by reaching into the rectum and massaging it through the rectal wall.

9. Placed just below the prostate gland and

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## Underpants and Ivory Soap: Lesbian Safe Sex

In the beginning, there was a yeast infection.

It was the very beginning, as a matter of fact, just a week after the first time we were together. But now the woman who on the previous Saturday had peeled off her clothes so unselfconsciously was reading a newspaper, fully dressed, and there was a stubborn set to her chin.

Minutes later, the truth became known. "Yeast," she said. "If I do what the doctor told me, it'll be gone real quick."

Our goal was to keep the overabundant yeast where it already was — inside her — and out of me. She laid down the ground rules in a voice that sounded like she meant business.

Her underpants, she said, were to stay on no matter to what heights our passion soared.

"I can touch you, but you can't touch me," she said with the tone of a woman who had read an inviolate rule of sexual health in a lesbian safe sex pamphlet.

"That's not fair," I replied.

"Tell me about it," she said.

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At first we worked on our humping technique, but found it lacking. So preoccupied were we with observing the doctor's orders that I dared not even run my finger under the elastic waistband of her bikini briefs. Frustration reigned.

A few days later, we broke the rule of me not touching her, because neither of us could stand it anymore, and besides, the fire in the fireplace caused us to get carried away.

We did endeavor to be careful; I scurried to the kitchen periodically to scrub the offending organisms off my hands and from under my nails.

"Out, out damned yeasties," I said in an

attempt to bring Lady MacBeth to mind. My audience of one, her cat, yawned.

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I fought consciousness upon awakening two days later, so intent was I on believing that the itching in my cunt was not a sympathetic dream.

As it turned out, it was not a dream, but it was not yeast, either.

"Gardenella," the doctor said.

"What?" I replied.

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When I saw her that night, she appeared undaunted by my news. If we could do it amid yeast, we could do it amid gardenella, she said. I agreed, as I have long believed that sexual frustration retards the healing process.

So we simply geared up for bed like never before.

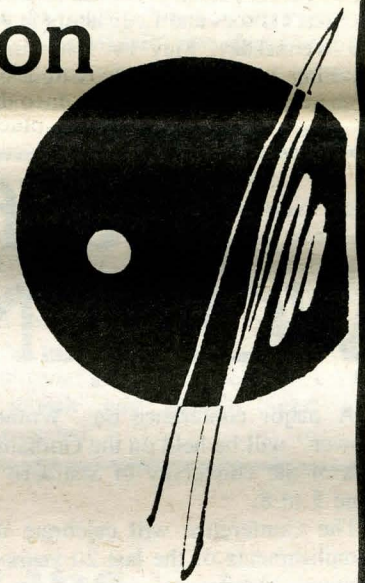
The underpants rule was fully in effect, meaning neither she nor I shed our skivvies, and only one of us could have our hands in the other's pants at any given time.

After each and every go-round we would rush to the bathroom for an orgy of hand-washing interspersed with kisses. We went wild with the Ivory Soap, lathering from our fingertips half way to our elbows, then rinsing with warm water and scampering back to the bedroom with our hands held high, like surgeons entering an operating room.

Once there, we fell into bed giggling, and rolled around in each others' arms, ever careful not to let the soaked crotches of our underpants touch.

Then we'd start all over again with our lesbian safe sex, and tease each other with talk of how many more days had to pass before we could get rid of the underpants and use our tongues for the purpose the Goddess intended.

## Conference on WOMEN and POWER



The Conference is sponsored by the Feminist Spiritual Community, Portland, Maine and made possible by a major grant from the Maine Humanities Council. Co-sponsors include University of Southern Maine Woman's Forum, Women's Studies Program, and Displaced Homemakers Network.

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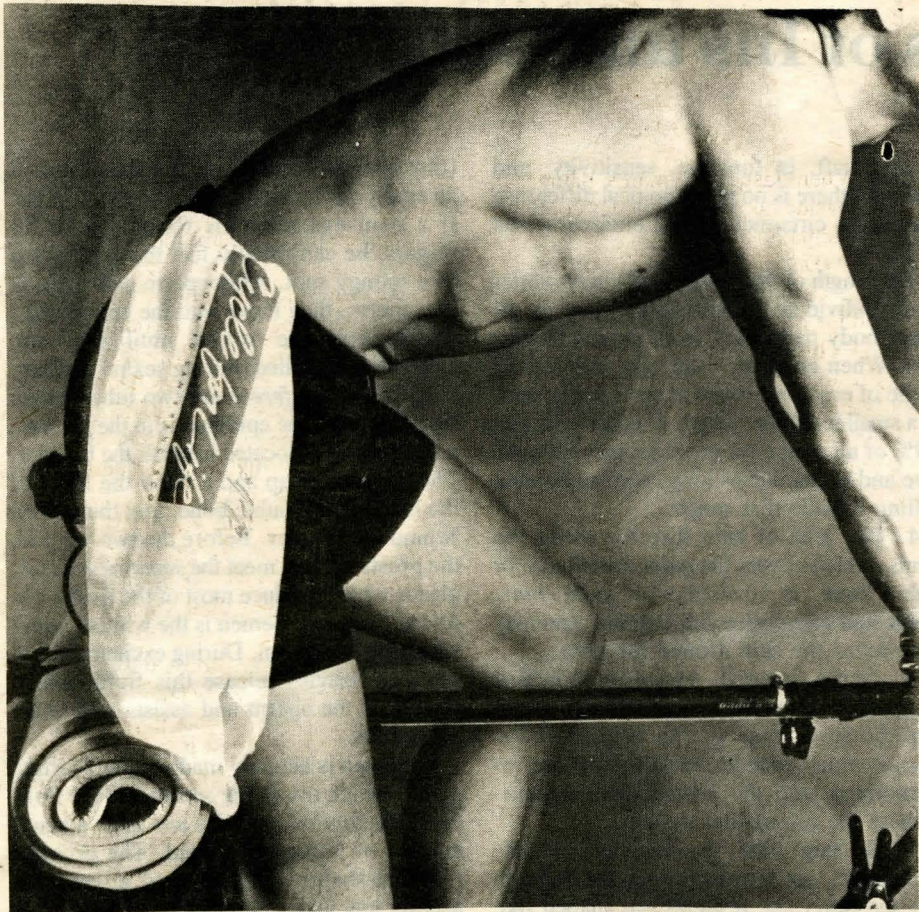
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## Cycling For Life In Maine

The trans-America bicycle rally to raise pledge funds for AIDS-800 and for AIDS service across the country has lined up a series of events in its pass through Maine. The rally, "Cycle for Life" will begin from the Kenduskeag Stream Bridge in Bangor, early on the morning of Tuesday May 13, with a reception the night before at the Bangor Unitarian Church on Main Street. The next scheduled event is a mid-day visit to State Offices and Legislators in Augusta on Wednesday, May 14. Later that same evening the cyclists will be the guests of the Sportsman Athletic Club in Lewiston. In

Portland, the cyclists may be met at Payson Park at 6:30 p.m., where local bicyclists may escort the Cycle for Life group through the city to a reception at Cycles on Center Street. A Portland City Hall Plaza noon-time rally will mark the departure of the group for Ogunquit on Friday, May 16. The following morning the rally leaves Maine on route to a Bike-a-thon through Boston on Sunday, May 18. Information on the Maine route and events or on Cycle for Life may be had from the AIDS-LINE, Portland 775-1267 or 1-800-851-AIDS. Or you may call (617) 522-9194, the Cycle for Life, New England information source.

## Conference on WOMEN & POWER

A major conference on "Women and Power" will be held on the Gorham Campus of the University of Southern Maine June 5 to 8.

The Conference will celebrate the accomplishments of the last 20 years of the women's movement, examine the beliefs and values that have shaped those activities, and explore directions for the future.

Speakers will include: Johnella Butler, chair of Afro-American Studies, Smith College, Janet Gallagher, director of Civil Liberties and Public Policy at Hampshire College, and board member of Catholics for a Free Choice; Gloria Anzaldua, Editor of "This Bridge Called My Back: Writing by Radical Women of Color;" Chrystos, Native American Poet; Barbara MacDonald, Author of "Look Me in the Eye: Old Women, Aging and Agism;" Lois Reckitt, vice president of the National Organization for Women; Carter Heyward, author of "Our Passion for Justice," Episcopal priest and professor at Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The workshops range from spiritual exploration to case studies of social change, including rituals and values, oppression and the quality of life, images for a spiritual journey, case studies of alternative health care, creativity and power in the visual arts, models of successful change.

Some specific titles include: Christian Base Communities and Empowerment; Twenty Years of NOW: What Have We Learned?; Shaping Economic Justice; Ethics and Ambiguity in the Political Arena; Low

Income Women and Power; Resolving Conflicts in the Abortion Controversy; Incest, Power, and Forgiveness; Lesbian Perspectives on the "Good Society;" and Feminist Philosophies of Sports.

Although the Conference has drawn on leaders from many parts of the country, Maine is significantly represented. Among Maine women who will speak at the Conference are: Libby Mitchell, Beverly Bustin, Kay Gardner, Dale McCormick, Dr. Lynn Bolles, Betsy Sweet, Vendean Vafiades and Judy Guay.

The Conference is sponsored by the Feminist Spiritual Community of Portland, Displaced Homemakers Network of Maine, and the Women's Forum of the University of Southern Maine. It is supported in part by a major grant from the Maine Humanities Council.

For further information please call or write: Feminist Spiritual Community, 9 Deering Street, Portland, 04104 (207) 773-2294.

## Gay/Lesbian Alliance Update

by Terri Jones

The month of June brings with it celebrations of gay and lesbian pride around the country in memory of the raid on the Stonewall Inn in June of 1969. The Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee of Boston has announced that its Pride March will take place on Saturday, June 14. This year the GLA will once again sponsor a bus to the march. The bus will leave our office at 92 Bedford St. promptly at 7:00AM and return to Portland at approximately 10:00PM. The cost for the trip is \$10 and tickets are available at the GLA office, Woodford's Cafe, Entre Nous and Our Books. Forty-seven seats are available. For more information call the GLA office at 780-4085.

Brent Nicholson Earle, the 35-year-old runner who has undertaken a 10,000 mile run for the end of AIDS, ran through Portland late in March. His project, the American Run for the End of AIDS, seeks to educate the public about AIDS and raise money for the National AIDS Network, a newly formed clearinghouse that distributes money to various research groups studying AIDS. The fundraising is accomplished by pledge cards through which people can agree to contribute an amount of money per mile that Nicholson runs. The GLA has pledge cards for those who are interested in contributing.

Our office is still seeking names to add to our updated mailing list. The list is strictly confidential and will be used to keep people informed of GLA events as well as other events of interest. If you would like your name included on our mailing list, send your name and address to GLA, 92 Bedford St., Portland, ME 04103.

We are also seeking summer work-study students and volunteers to staff the office during the months of June, July and August. This summer's projects include planning for this fall's Autumnfest activities and next semester's programs. If you have summer work-study funds or would like to volunteer some time to help plan these events, please contact us.

One final announcement about the summer months, the GLA will be sponsoring Friday Night Discussions every other week beginning in May. It is our feeling that the quality of the discussions will improve under this schedule and that this schedule will match the number of staff people present. For information on a particular week's topic call the office.

On April 19th, the GLA staff met with representatives from Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine gay and lesbian student groups to plan a tri-state conference. The focus of these activities is self-improvement, specifically better organization and better outreach to gay and lesbian students. A conference is tentatively planned for next year. Anyone interested in more information should call the GLA office.

One final note. The GLA staff would like to congratulate the Women's Community Project for its successful Women's Performance night on April 4th. The evening was tremendously well-attended and featured an excellent array of Maine's talented women poets and performers.

### UPCOMING AND ON-GOING

Symposium XIII takes place May 23-26 at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. For registration information contact Northern Lambda Nord, P.O. Box 990, Caribou, ME 04736 or call (207) 498-2088.

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## Another Invitation

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You can be a vital part of the organization that makes *Our Paper* happen by making a commitment of just one evening a month. If you have more time, we would welcome you for a larger contribution. You can work with us at meetings or we can give you things to do at home. Slots are available for writers (news articles, commentaries, fiction, poetry, reviews, humor, and more), illustrators, graphic artists, envelope stuffers, errand runners, label affixers, letter writers, and more. We are also looking for people who would like to jump in with both feet to make decisions, plan, and edit (along with all the above), in other words full-fledged collective members.

Why not come let us know what you can do? If you can't make it to the May 20 meeting, don't despair. Just give Fred a call at 773-5540 and he'll work something out. For those of you outside a reasonable driving distance, please consider contributing on paper; we'd like to see what you're doing, thinking, creating.

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# The Adventures of Macho and Friendly

## Is It Safe Yet?

by Bull O'Nee

When last seen Sargeant Macho's former partner, Officer Bob Friendly, had just encountered Harry the Healer (formerly Harry the Hustler) preaching in Congress Square. Friendly's silver tongue — and tight jeans — have persuaded Harry to come back to his place. They are on their way up Pine St. to Friendly's new flat above the pizza parlor.

"Harry, I need to stop in Cum-by Farms for a few things."

"Like what?"

"You know, the essentials — champagne, whipped cream, condoms."

"Friendly, you're nuts. Faggots don't need condoms."

"You ex-hustlers are all the same. You know nothing about sex. It's the latest thing — safe sex."

"Never heard of it."

"I'm sure you haven't."

As they approach Auntie's Arms Apartments the doorman rushes to greet them, smiling broadly.

"Good evening Mr. Friendly. You sure found a nice one tonight sir. Hope you teach him those safe sex tricks you taught me."

Friendly turns ten shades of green.

"Sure is a classy building," Harry comments.

They enter Friendly's suite. It is done entirely in Portland colors — gray with mauve trim.

"Make yourself comfortable Harry while I slip Jack Wrangler into the VCR."

Before Friendly can even press "PLAY" Harry is naked.

Friendly sees him and yells, "NO, NO, Harry. Haven't you ever heard of romance? Put your clothes back on. Here, have some champagne."

"This is going to be a long night," Harry grumbles as he settles back onto the futon couch. "So tell me about this safe sex stuff."

"Sure, I'd be glad to. Safe sex is a way of showing our love for each other. We want to be healthy and happy so we encourage others to learn new ways. It's great. You'll love it."

"Sounds good. When do we start?"

"Right now. Take off your socks while I give the Redi-Whip a shake."

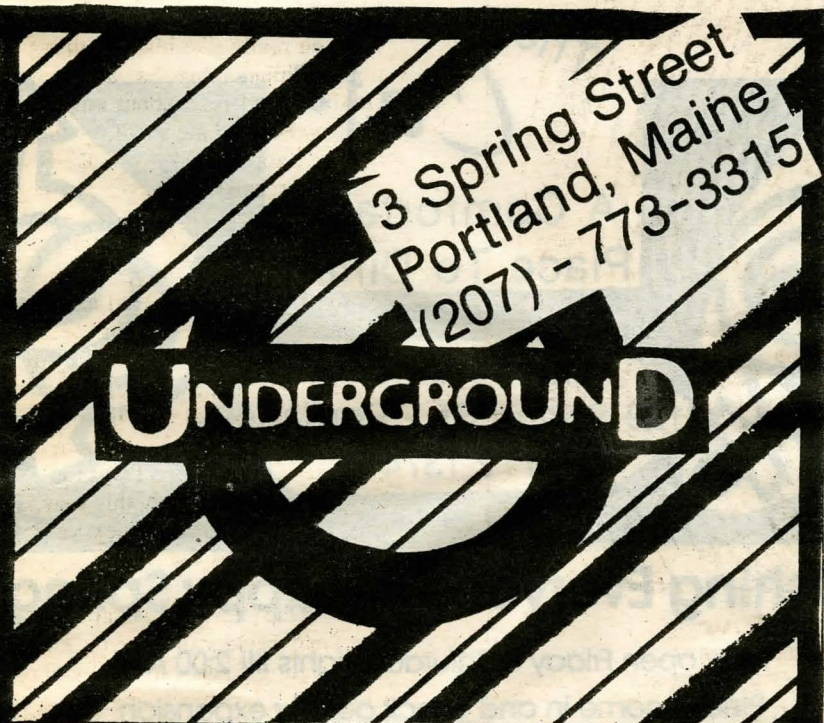
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Feminist humorist Kate Clinton had a crowd of 500 rolling in the aisles at the First Parish Church on April 19 when she appeared at a benefit for Maine NOW's Political Action Committee and the Fred Berger for Council Committee. The evening was a huge success, as the audience repeatedly roared in appreciation of Clinton's wit and \$1,300 was raised for Maine NOW PAC and Berger.



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## Announcements

Mainly Men will be holding a men's weekend May 16 - 18 at Pilgrim Lodge in West Gardiner. The weekend will be similar to those held in the past by the group, which was started in May, 1982. An open and trusting environment is established for men to share their experiences as men and to learn from others. Through workshops, activities and play, friendships and understanding develop. For more information, contact the group through Dodd Roberts, 12 Gardner Road, Orono, 04473.

Gay/Lesbian Alliance of the University of So. Maine has peer counselling available to both students and non-students. For more info., or an appointment, call GLA — 780-4085.

The Maine Festival of the Arts has announced that \$20,000 will be awarded to visual and performance artists to encourage them to develop and present new works for the tenth annual Maine Festival, to be held in early August in Brunswick. Current Events is the name of the program, and its grants, ranging from \$950 to \$2,500 will be awarded in three categories: choreography, visual effects and collaborative performances. The Current Events program is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Maine State Commission on the Arts and Humanities. For application information, contact Bau Graves, Artistic Producer, 29 Forest Avenue, Portland, 04101 or call him at 772-9012.

On May 25 Central Maine Health Foundation is having a variety show fund raiser. This Mother's Day special will be held at Sportsman's, 2 Bates St. in Lewiston.

On Saturday, June 21, there will be a flea market to benefit the Central Maine Health Foundation in Lewiston. Anyone wishing to rent space may do so by calling Phil Ellis at 784-5047 or Roland Blais at 784-2251. Donations are also gratefully accepted.

The Chiltern Mountain Club is planning an informal lesbian and gay get-together in Acadia National Park during the Fourth of July weekend. Groups from New England and parts of Canada have been invited to attend. An informal schedule of events will include bicycling, horseback riding, pot-lucks, mild hikes, volleyball on the beach, and fire-works party. Information on this event may be received by writing for a complimentary Chiltern newsletter to:

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Boston, Mass. 02117-0407

Community Health and Counseling Services of Bangor is sponsoring a program of workshops designed for men and women who are experiencing relationship endings or other major life changes. The sessions, held on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. at All Souls Church at the corner of State and Broadway in Bangor, cost \$4 each, but no one will be turned away if they are unable to pay. Topics for upcoming sessions are: May 5, Feelings about Loss and Change; May 12, Letting Go; May 19, Finding Yourself (Where you are/Where you are going); June 2, Trusting Again, and June 9, The Myth of Two Becoming One. For more information, call Marian C. Allen, 947-0366, ext. 253.

The Institute for Nonviolence Education, Research and Training (INVERT) has published a flyer listing workshops available in Maine for learning concepts and skills to overcome violence in our personal lives in the world. Ask for a copy at your local alternative bookstore, food co-op, etc. or write INVERT, P.O. Box 110, Stillwater, Me. 04489. In the Brunswick area contact: Sheila Garrett, Box 143, S. Harpswell, ME 04079, 833-6314.

Spinsters Peace Action Network seeks to weave lively connections among women while unraveling the patriarchy, which in its many forms (sexism, racism, militarism, industrialism...) is waging war on all life on the planet. SPAN currently has particular interest in direct efforts to challenge the routine preparations for nuclear genocide that are now taking place in at least thirteen Maine communities. Some of these communities, where the unthinkable has become normal, are: Limestone, with Loring Air Force Base and its approx. 210 nuclear weapons; Caribou, which has a Global Command and Control Station; Cutler, with the ULF submarine communications facility; Brunswick, where the Naval Air Station holds approx. 100 nuclear depth bombs. (See *Nuclear Battlefields*, by Arkin and Fieldhouse, pp. 190-191.)

Women are invited to join in brainstorming about SPAN's projects for 1986-87. Send your ideas starting now and/or come to a project-planning party on May 17 (write for details). Contact: Mary Lois, P.O. Box 3051, Brewer, Maine 04412.

Organizers of Portland's Take Back the Night march will hold an organizational meeting at the YWCA on May 18 at 7 p.m.

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The purpose of the march is to develop public awareness about violence directed at women, to make resources available, to develop strategies for stopping violence against women, to reach out to a diverse group of women and to "educate, create and celebrate."

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Volunteers are needed to help plan the event. For more information, contact Bun-ny Mills at 282-6324 or 283-0171 x-202.

A Gay Men's Support Association has been organized in the Mt. Washington Valley and is now looking for members.

The Association's goal is to bring together area Gay men with programs and activities in health, education, social, cultural, support and advocacy.

At present the closest support groups are located in Portland, Maine and Concord, NH. The group will be whatever its members wish it to be and an invitation is extended to all Gay men who are interested in finding out more about it to write to G.M.S.A., P.O. Box 3011, NO. CONWAY, NH., 03860-3011. All names and addresses will be kept in the strictest confidence.

The third annual Women's Motorcycle Festival will be held Aug. 21 - 24 in upstate New York, and its organizers have announced plans for what they describe as "four days no woman motorcycling enthusiast would want to miss or could ever forget." There are contests for such prizes as "Best in Show," "Oldest Bike," and "Farthest Distance Traveled." Safety and skills development will be emphasized and a training ride will be held. There also will be a "Leather and Lace All Star Revue." For more information, write to W.M.F. '86, 7 Lent Ave., LeRoy, NY 14482, or call 716-768-6054. Early registration (which is cheaper) ends June 30. Final registration deadline is Aug. 10.



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## Meetings

### SUNDAYS

Bates Gay/Lesbian/Straight Alliance — for discussion, support, and planning — every Sunday, 8:30 p.m. in Hirasawa Lounge, Chase Hall, Bates College, Lewiston.

Northern Lambda Nord — last Sunday of the month — business meeting, 1:00 pm, followed by a potluck.

Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance (MLGPA) — every third Sunday of the month. Meetings rotated throughout state. See Calendar listing for location and time.

Gay/Lesbian Spiritual Community — 125 Vaughan Street, Portland, Maine 04102. 7:00 p.m. 773-1924.

Maine Connection AA Roundup, second Sunday of every month, 2:00 pm, 125 Vaughan St., Portland.

### MONDAYS

Feminist Spiritual Community — every Monday at 7 pm. Friends Meeting House, Forest Avenue, Portland. 773-2294, (come early).

Seacoast Gay Men - every Monday, 7-9 p.m. (except 1st Monday and holidays). Unitarian Universalist Church, 292 State St., Portsmouth, NH (side door basement), call Mark 207-646-2748

Central Maine Health Foundation — first Monday of every month at Sportsmans, 2 Bates St., Lewiston, 8 pm. Call Phil Ellis. 784-5047 or 782-6113.

### TUESDAYS

Bangor Area Gay/Lesbian/Straight Coalition (BAGLSC), meets the second Tuesday of every month at 87 Sunset Strip in Brewer at 7:30 pm.

Greater Portland N.O.W. — fourth Tuesday of the month, Y.W.C.A., 87 Spring St., Portland, 7:30 pm.

Alcoholics Anonymous — Gays in Sobriety — every Tuesday, 7:30 pm, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 425 Congress St., Portland.

Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon — every Tuesday, 7:30 to 8:30 pm, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 425 Congress St., Portland.

Mid-Coast Parents and Friends of Gays — second Tuesday of each month, 7:30, Brunswick, call 729-9843.

*Our Paper* staff meeting — every Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Our Books, 4 Pine St., Portland. New members are welcome.

### WEDNESDAYS

Fredericton Lesbians and Gays (FLAG) — second Wednesday of the month — Fredericton, N.B., Canada

### THURSDAYS

Lesbian/Gay Alcoholics Anonymous — every Thursday, discussion meeting at 8 pm, Unitarian Church, Main St., Bangor.

VLGR (Vermonters for Lesbian and Gay Rights) meets the first and third Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Peace and Justice Center, 186 College St., Burlington.

Greater Bangor NOW — last Thursday of the month, Bangor City Hall, 7 pm. Call 989-3306 for info.

UMF Gay and Straight People's Alliance (G.A.S.P.) — every Thursday at 3:30, Fireside Lounge, Student Center, Univ. of ME., Farmington

Womyn Who Write — second and fourth Thursday, 7-9 pm, USM Women's Forum office, 92 Bedford St., Portland, 780-4083.

Wilde-Stein Club — Thursday evening, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union, UMO.

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous — every Thursday, step meeting, 7:30 pm, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 425 Congress St., Portland.

### FRIDAYS

"Free To Bee" Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous — every Friday, 7:30 to 8:30, All Souls Unitarian Church, 11 King St., Augusta.

Gay People's Alliance — every Friday, 7 pm, 92 Bedford St., Portland — open meetings.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Friday 8-9:30 — Gays Together in Sobriety (Open Discussion) Christ Episcopal Church, 805 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, N.H.

### SATURDAYS

Free To Be Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous, every Saturday, 8:00 pm, The House, 60 Oak St. (corner Blake), Lewiston.

Bangor INTERWEAVE — meetings 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8 pm at University College Center, Texas Ave., Bangor. Coffee house and dance every Saturday from 9 to 1 at Univ. College Center. \$3. for info: 884-7079.

## Calendar

### Thursday, May 1

District 3 Candidates' Forum with Fred Berger and Donald MacWilliams, Woodfords Church, 202 Woodford St. 7:30 p.m. — All welcome.

### Saturday, May 3

Chiltern Mtn. Club 2nd Annual Ossipee Area Day-hike and Potluck Supper. Easy hike, non-members welcome. Call for directions: Phil (603) 544-2223 or Laura 780-4085.

### Sunday, May 4

"Buddies" at Colby College, Waterville, 3 and 7 pm, Rm. 100 Lovejoy.

### Tuesday, May 6

City Council and School Board Elections in Portland, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

### Friday-Saturday, May 9-10

Democratic Party Convention, Colby College, Waterville.

### Saturday, May 10

Cris Williamson and Tret Fure in concert, USM Gym, Portland.

### Tuesday, May 13

Cycle For Life in Bangor.

### Thursday, May 15

Cycle For Life in Portland, local route from Payson Park at 7 pm to Monument Square. Reception following at Cycles. Information: AIDS-Line, 775-1267.

### Friday, May 16

Cycle For Life in Ogunquit.

### Saturday, May 17

Cycle For Life in Portsmouth, N.H.

### Friday, May 23 - Monday, May 26

Symposium XIII in Presque Isle. Chiltern Mtn. Club Windjammer Cruise leaving from Camden Harbor. Non-members welcome, advance booking required. Wes Horner 617-625-4845 or Laura, 780-4085.

### Saturday, May 31

Chiltern Mtn. Club Mt. Hale/Zealand Falls day hike. Moderate to difficult. Non-members welcome. John Day 617-484-7192 or Laura Smith at 780-4085.

